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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.